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A COUNTY FAIR IS EDUCATIONAL

Whatever may be the result of a county fair unless there has been something learned by the people generally it must be declared a failure. And because much has been learned at the fair now in progress the first annual exhibit of Putnam county should be pronounced a great success. The entertainment furnished by such a proposition is but a secondary matter; it is the educational portion that renders it of much or little value.

The fair now in progress has taught many people many things. In school exhibits it has shown parents what may be gained by the children under tuition of skillful teachers who are heartily in accord with the pupils, who have the knack of getting out of the children all that has been latent, who can, themselves, enter into each of the many details which are a bother to the untaught, and make plain the right way to gain in excellence. The showings made by the pupils of the schools of Putnam county have taught parents much, for no doubt many viewed for the first time specimens of the work turned out by the several grades.

The fair has shown many hundred people something not before known regarding poultry. There were some excellent specimens of various varieties of fowls, many splendid showings; and these have been revelations to the many who have always thought that "a hen was merely a hen." To the lovers of poultry, those who are anxious to conduct yards of more than ordinary standing, the exhibition of stock at the fair has imbued them with a desire to go more extensively into the business and produce in the future better stock than in the past.

There is now no doubt that there will soon be formed in Putnam county a poultry association which will be beneficial to each individual as well as to the county. There are enough interested in poultry culture at the present time to form such an organization, and there will be frequent acquisitions once it is formed and under way. The poultry business is one that cannot be "overdone." There is always an unsupplied demand for the products of the poultry yard, and an association formed for the good of the whole and to raise the standard of stock would be a splendid thing.

Even exhibitors have learned much by the present fair. They have learned, those who did not know, that much depends upon the arrangement of a display in order to win approval of the judges—and the judges are supposed to look at all displays with the eye of an intelligent spectator.

Another thing that has been learned from the present fair. That is the possibilities of the county of Putnam county; and yet the general public was surprised to see what was being produced. Even with all that was shown it is safe to assert that hardly a fraction of the possibilities of the county have yet been undertaken.

As an educator the fair has proven all that was expected—and more. To be sure the county fair is always to be one of the sources of entertainment and pleasure; but it is more than those. The fair of today will be more than doubled in a year from now provided normal conditions shall prevail; which goes to show that the educational features of the county have already commenced to be successful.

DEVELOPMENT BOARD DESTINED FOR MORGUE

There promises now to be a shake-up in the state development board, an institution which has done some splendid publicity work in Florida

for advancement, and has also done much outside work that would tend to draw outside capital. One of the directors of the organization, Sewell, of Miami, has resigned from his position, possibly was withdrawn altogether, and a strong firm of realtors in the same city declines to make further contributions to the development board. This leaves Jules M. Burguiere, of West Palm Beach, general manager of the Southern States Land and Timber Company, one of the very few strong men on the board.

The main cause of the withdrawal of these two men was the fact that an advocacy was made by the organization that it did not favor a publicity fund for the state as a whole to be taken from the taxes paid by the people. A majority of the board of managers decided that it would be futile to make demand that a fraction of a mill was necessary to be devoted to proper propaganda to spread broadcast all the state was offering to the new comer. The organization for some private reason decided that the fund for this purpose should be raised by private subscription, and immediately there started trouble.

The state development board has done wonderful things for Florida, and it would be a pity to see it abolished. It is the general wish of the people of the state that it should continue to function. Also that it should bring all pressure to bear towards securing the needed funds for publicity from the one fair and just source—from the state as a whole. That can only be done by making arrangements for the fund through the state budget.

A GOOD FRONT IS A NECESSITY

Putting up a good front has won many a man position in which he has later on made good. James G. Blaine once told the writer that if he "was going to get a job and had but twenty dollars he would put nineteen into clothes and a hat and a shoeshine and a shave and haircut, keep one dollar in small change, and then go into the place and get the job."

"Clothes do not make the man," but neatness of dress goes a long way toward making the public take him into its confidence. And a clean collar is one of the adjuncts of a well-dressed individual; it shows that he looks after the little details which go to make an intensive whole.

As with a man so it is with a city. The city cannot afford to have its shoe fronts nicely polished and the backs of a dingy russet. It cannot afford to wear a dirty collar. If it "put up a good front" the city must see to it that it has a clean and attractive back. That is half the battle of progress.

The front yard may be spic and span clean—but if the back premises are untidy the effect of the front is spoiled. The city streets may be in nice shape, but if the alleys are not in the same condition there is something wrong. The waterfront of Palatka is not what it should be. There are too many of the objectionable water hyacinths. The government should be urged to take a hand in destroying them. An effort should be made in that direction.

The government has a formula which has been tried in Florida with especial success. The cost is not excessive in small lakes and in creeks

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which are of moderate size; but in a river the size of the St. Johns there would be a considerable expense attached to the undertaking. It is possible that if a petition was forwarded to the representatives in both houses of congress some agitation might follow that would ultimately be of great benefit to Palatka.

THIS IS A STERN RELENTLESS FACT

If some scientists knew as much about the devil as some preachers think they know it wouldn't be three months before there would be a virus invented to put him in worse condition than Adam was in after taking that bite of apple.

Pith in Paragraph

The female of the species is more deadly to the kale.

Life is getting to be just one darned "No Parking" sign after another.

The bone of contention isn't the only bone that figures in the Near East situation.

When liberty is functioning, you can recognize it by the quaint cry: "Lynch him."

An egoist is one who loses faith in a dictionary that doesn't agree with his spelling.

Strange how little static can discourage the listener when a sermon is being broadcasted.

About the only place you can find a simple country girl now is in the milkmaid chorus.

The best thing to relieve that run-down feeling is arsenic. Give it to the gossips.

Still, those who marry for money have as much chance for happiness as those who marry without it.

Pay day is a great institution unless one thinks of it in connection with the wages of sin.

Progress comes slowly, and even if we haven't attained world peace, we are at least quit of galoshes.

The only time a man really needs a pistol is when common prudence tells him not to reach for it.

The sanest writing is done by those who write for people who eat in the kitchen except when there is company.

Emancipation, however, hasn't made woman independent. She still jerks her apron off before answering the door bell.

Still, if Solomon had known all those things in his youth, he might not have had enough hard experience to make him that wise.

Still, the wireless waves that operate typewriters will never prove as popular as the permanent waves now on the job.

If the bride seems a little disappointed, it is because she has discovered that her husband is just as good as he pretended to be.

It must be remembered, however, that if you had money enough to buy some of the things you want, you wouldn't want the things.

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